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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Richard Bueker

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 October 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 15-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-14 and 25-28 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

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Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 12-14 and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barr (2,447,789) taken in view of Stall (5,336,324) and/or Greer (5,104,695). Barr (Fig. 1) discloses a vaporizer comprising a thermally conductive block having a multiplicity of elongated, vertically positioned wells for placement of a vapor source material, and means for applying heat to the wells. Barr teaches (col. 2, lines 15-22 and col. 3, lines 20-42) that any suitable screening means can be used for preventing the escape during evaporation of particles appreciably greater than molecular size. Stall (see Fig. 17a, for example)) and Greer (Figs. 1-3, col. 1, lines 40-45 and col. 4, lines 10-34, for example) both disclose vaporizers having a screening means for preventing particulates from escaping during processing. Stall and Greer (col. 3, lines 26-37, for example) teach that the screening means should be in the form of a sealing lid that is sealed to the top of the vaporizer container. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify the vaporizer of Barr for use with particulate screening means of the type taught by Stall and/or Greer, because Barr teaches that his vaporizer can be modified for use with other known particulate screening means, and because Stall and Greer teach that a screening means in the form of a lid that is sealed to the top of a vaporizer container will successfully prevent particulates from escaping from the vaporizer. Regarding the newly added claim 1 limitation of "an openable and closable outlet", it is noted that Stall teaches the use of an openable and closable outlet. It is also noted that this limitation is a recitation of an intended use of the recited outlet and claim 1 does not recite any apparatus structure for

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opening or closing an outlet. The outlet of Greer is inherently openable and closeable to the extent required by claim 1.

Claims 2 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barr (2,447,789) taken in view of Stall (5,336,324) and/or Greer (5,104,695) for the reasons stated above, taken in further view of Tanabe (2001/0008121), who teaches (see paragraph 52) that a thermocouple can be used to measure the temperature of a vaporizer for feedback control of the vaporizer temperature. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to use a thermocouple to control the temperature of the vaporizer of Barr, Stall and/or Greer, in view of Tanabe's teaching that a vaporizer temperature can be successfully controlled using a thermocouple.

Claims 11 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barr (2,447,789) taken in view of Stall (5,336,324) and/or Greer (5,104,695) for the reasons stated above, taken in further view of Holloway (3,647,197), who teaches (col. 4, lines 4-15) that it was known in the prior art to use aluminum as the material of construction for a thermally conductive vaporizer, and it would have been prima facie obvious to one skilled in the art to use this material for the thermally conductive vaporizer of Barr, Van Slyke and/or Greer, because Holloway teaches that aluminum can successfully be used to construct a vaporizer that requires thermal conductivity.

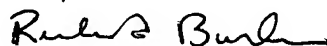
Claim 5 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Spahn (6,237,529) reference has been removed in view of the Declaration under 1.131 filed Oct. 11, 2005. It is noted that the unsigned copy of page 2 of Exhibit 1 filed with the Declaration is not relevant and has not been included in the consideration of the Declaration.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Bueker whose telephone number is (571) 272-1431. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM - 5:30 PM, Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Parvis Hassanzadeh can be reached on (571) 272-1435. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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